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FORESTRY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR JOINS STAFF

The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands has announced Geoffrey McNaughton has joined its staff as Forestry Program Administrator. McNaughton will oversee cooperative forestry programs that promote the health and productivity of Utah's urban and rural forests.

"Geoffrey comes to us with an exceptional background in managing forest resources," said State Forester Joel Frandsen. "We're excited he's joining our staff and know he will be an asset administering programs that have a real impact on Utah's lands."

As Adaptive Management Program Administrator for the last four years with Washington State's Department of Natural Resources, McNaughton had primary responsibility for research, monitoring and testing the adequacy of Washington's Forest Practice Rules. Prior to that he spent two years as Landscape Planning Coordinator, and has also worked in private industry as Environmental Manager for Koncor Forest Products Company in Anchorage.

While as Senior Associate Scientist for Ebasco Environmental in Bellevue, Washington, he supervised management and field verification of two large timber harvest Environmental Impact Statements under contract to the USDA Forest Service, Tongass National Forest, Alaska, and has been a teaching and research assistant at the University of Washington and the University of Wyoming.

McNaughton holds a Ph.D in Forest Resources from the University of Washington, an M.S. in Botany from the University of Wyoming, and a B.S. in Forest Science and Botany from the University of Montana.

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